## RESOLUTION NO.

2	WHEREAS, On June 19th, 1865 Union soldiers, led by Major General
3	Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the Civil War was
4	over and that enslaved Africans and African descendants were now free;
5	WHEREAS, the following year, June 19 became "Juneteenth", and was
6	marked with celebrations and political rallies across the State of Texas;
7	WHEREAS, news of the end of slavery did not reach the State of Texas and
8	other Southwestern States until months after the conclusion of the Civil War, more
9	than 2 ½ years after President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation
.0	Proclamation on January 1, 1863;
.1	WHEREAS, in East Austin, freed persons pooled resources together to
.2	purchase Emancipation Park to celebrate, which is located at present-day
.3	Rosewood Courts;
.4	WHEREAS, as a result of anti-Black bigotry and racism, the Juneteenth
.5	holiday has been historically held in obscurity;
.6	WHEREAS, Texas House Bill 1016, which passed in the 66th Legislature
.7	Regular Session declared June 19th, "Emancipation Day in Texas," a legal state
.8	holiday effective starting in 1980;
.9	WHEREAS, recently, multiple municipalities have begun to acknowledge
20	Juneteenth and commemorate it as a formal holiday;
1	WHEREAS, bipartisan bills in the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of
2	Representatives propose to establish Juneteenth as a federal holiday;
23	WHEREAS, The City of Austin is committed to challenging and undoing
24	anti-Black racism and systemic racialized inequality;

1	WHEREAS, The City of Austin is committed to condemning Austin's
2	history as a participant in American chattel slavery; and
3	WHEREAS, Black Lives Matter,
4	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF
5	THE CITY OF AUSTIN:
6	The 19th day of June of each year beginning in the year 2021, shall be known
7	in the City of Austin as 'Juneteenth' to memorialize the end of chattel slavery in
8	the United States and to celebrate the Africans and African descendants who
9	survived an inhumane economic system and thrived as American citizens.
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11	ADOPTED:, 2020 ATTEST:
12	Jannette S. Goodall
13	City Clerk